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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On 12 September 2007 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Public Notice, FCC 07-168, WT Docket No. 02-55 requiring all 800 MHz Rebanding planning work to be completed on or before 15 October 2007. I am writing to let you know where Chester County stands in our 800 MHz Rebanding project.

As of today we have not completed our planning efforts. In fact we have not yet even begun the work because we have been engaged in discussions, negotiations, and mediation with Sprint/Nextel and the Transition Administration for over 2 years. Although agreement has recently been reached, that will just allow us to begin the planning work. A component of that work will be the testing and evaluation of the radios that have been identified as replacements for our public safety communications system.

We will continue to work diligently to complete Rebanding in a timely fashion, but under no circumstances will I allow the reliability of our public safety communications system to be compromised.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Atkins, Colonel, USAF (Retired)  
Director

cc: The Honorable Arlen Specter, United States Senate  
The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr., United States Senate  
The Honorable Joe Pitts, United States House of Representatives  
The Honorable Jim Gerlach, United States House of Representatives  
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